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S. 540

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide annual screening mammography and waive coinsurance for screening mammography for women age 65 or older under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 1997

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. TORRICELLI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Medicare Mammography Screening Expansion Act of 1997".

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SEC. 2. EXPANDING SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

(a) PROVIDING ANNUAL SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY FOR WOMEN AGE 65 OR OLDER.—Section 1834(c)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iv), by striking "but under 65 years of age,"; and

(2) by striking clause (v).

(b) WAIVER OF COINSURANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(c)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(1)(C)) is amended by striking "80 percent of".

(2) WAIVER OF COINSURANCE IN OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SETTINGS.—The third sentence of section 1866(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting after "1861(s)(10)(A)" the following: ", with respect to screening mammography (as defined in section 1861(jj))),".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to screening mammography performed on or after January 1, 1998.

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